

Patent
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REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-9 are pending in the application. Claim 1 is the only independent claim.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 USC 102(c) as being anticipated by commonly-assigned US Patent 6,478,812 (Dobak et al.). As kindly suggested in the Action by the Examiner, the accompanying Declaration of Steven Yon Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.131, confirming that Dobak, and related patents with the same drawing as Figure 2 of Dobak, do have an undercut, thereby rendering the rejection based upon Dobak moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance and prompt review and issuance is accordingly requested. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Response or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues may be resolved.

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